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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652:

TAGS: SGEN, SF, US

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GREETINGS TO BE SENT TO MARTHA WASHINGTON CLUB'S LIBERTY BALL IN HONOR OF US BICENTENNIAL

1. MRS. THOMAS ZACAROLI, CO-CHAIRMAN OF MARTHA WASHINGTON CLUB'S LIBERTY BALL, SENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD REQUESTING GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE CLUB FOR ITS LIBERTY BALL WHICH IS TO HONOR US BICENTENNIAL. MRS. ZACAROLI'S LETTER NOTED THAT HER CLUB, WHICH WAS FOUNDED 73 YEARS AGO, IS MADE UP OF AMERICAN WOMEN AND IS DEVOTED TO RAISING FUNDS TO AID SOUTH AFRICAN CHARITIES FOR BENEFITS OF ALL SOUTH AFRICAN RACIAL GROUPS. SHE ASKED FOR A GREETING FOR CLUB'S LIBERTY BALL WHICH IS BEING HELD FEBRUARY 20 (FRIDAY).

2. IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION AND BELIEVES IT TO BE APPROPRIATE, DEPT. SUGGESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE SENT TO MRSZACAROLI, THE MARTHA WASHINGTON CLUB, P. O. BOX 47073, PARKLANDS, JOHANNESBURG, PREFERABLY FROM AMBASSADOR OR ALTERNATIVELY FROM ACTING CONSUL GENERAL:

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3. BEGIN QUOTE. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RESPOND TO YOUR
LETTER OF JANUARY 30 TO PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD RE-
QUESTING A GREETING FOR YOUR LIBERTY BALL ON FEBRUARY 20

WHICH IS BEING HELD IN HONOR OF OUR BICENTENNIAL. SUP-
PORT OF THE TYPES OF CHARITIES MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER,
TO ASSIST NEEDY PERSONS OF ALL RACES IN SOUTH AFRICA,
IS VERY MUCH IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN
BICENTENNIAL. THE AMERICAN WOMEN WHO MAKE UP THE MARTHA
WASHINGTON CLUB ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THE RECORD OF
THEIR CLUB IN AIDING VARIOUS CHARITABLE UNDERTAKINGS IN
SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE PAST 73 YEARS. I WISH TO EXTEND
MY BEST WISHES FOR A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL LIBERTY BALL AND
FOR THE CONTINUED PROGRESS OF THE MARTHA WASHINGTON CLUB
IN SUPPORTING WORTHY CHARITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA. END QUOTE.

4. COPY OF MRS. ZACAROLI'S LETTER BEING POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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